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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
06TUNIS1673	2006-07-05 12:27	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN	Embassy Tunis

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REF: A. TUNIS 1630 B. TUNIS 1622 C. TUNIS 1255 D. TUNIS 311 E. 05 TUNIS 2266 F. 05 TUNIS 896

Classified By: AMBASSADOR WILLIAM HUDSON FOR REASONS 1.4 (b) AND (d)

[1](#). (C/NF) SUMMARY: This is the third of a four cable series on corruptions impact on the Tunisian economy and political future. Domestic frust
THE IMPACT -----

[1](#)2. (C/NF) While corruption in Tunisia may be on a smaller scale than in some developing countries, the political relevance of the rumors is nc

[1](#)3. (C/NF) Despite this, most Tunisians seem to be focused on their personal standard of living and are unwilling to risk their own socio-econ

[1](#)4. (C/NF) Despite this, embassy contacts do not yet believe any opposition movements could gain significant domestic support under the anti-cc
THE FUTURE -----

[1](#)5. (C/NF) Meanwhile, the entrenched position of the President and his family only increases the difficulties domestic and international entiti

[1](#)6. (C/NF) In addition, the Familys vested financial interests mean that any presidential succession scenario would likely require some kind of

[1](#)7. (C/NF) Others allege that President Ben Ali may have manipulated state coffers to provide for his future. As the Presidency has a separate

[1](#)8. (C/NF) There is other evidence that the Trabelsi family is positioning itself for a future political transition. Tunisians rarely discuss F

[1](#)9. (C/NF) COMMENT: The corruption rumors -- true or false -- are clearly working against our efforts to speed democratic reform in Tunisia. As
HUDSON